

*ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE*

A flash control device for controlling a slave SB that emits a flash upon receiving an operational instruction via optical communication has a flash emitting part for emitting an optical signal used for the optical communication, and a power supply detecting part  
5 detecting the attachment of a power pack. The detection result is transmitted to a camera microcomputer via an SB microcomputer. A communication intensity designating part and a communication intensity determining part decide, based on the detection result received via the camera microcomputer, the intensity of the optical signal to be emitted by the flash emitting part.